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A copy of the listed document EP 1 120 103 is attached. Because it is in French, U.S. Published Pat. App. 2001/0031270, which is believed to be its English-language counterpart, is also enclosed.

A copy of the European Search Report is also attached. Applicants note that three of the four documents listed on the Search Report have been previously submitted in this application and accordingly are not being submitted again. Specifically, WO 97/15274 and an English language counterpart of FR 2 718 960 (U.S. Patent No. 5,700,456) were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on August 25, 2000, and FR 2,470,596 (and its English language counterpart U.S. Patent No. 4,996,059) was submitted in a second IDS filed on September 20, 2000.

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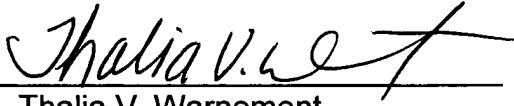
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